

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

February 14, 2013

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset on February 14, 2013 from 7:35pm to 9:00 pm. Chairman William Kleiber called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

ATTENDANCE

<u> </u> Brian Regan	<u> </u> Brian Levin	Township Council
<u> </u> Donna Vieiro		Twp. Manager
<u> </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Phil Rizzo	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X</u> John Hauss	<u> X</u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> X</u> Don Bell	<u> </u> Tim Szymbroski	Fire District No. 1
<u> X</u> William Kleiber	<u> X</u> Henry Lasch	Fire District No. 2
<u> X</u> Lewis Pinnella	<u> X</u> Alfred Pinnella	Fire District No. 3
<u> X</u> Patti Shennard	<u> X</u> Dennis Shennard	Fire District No. 4
<u> </u> Vince Inzano	<u> X</u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The previous meeting minutes were not complete.

CORRESPONDENCE – A copy of some suggestions from John Paff, President of Middlebush Fire Department, regarding false fire alarms was distributed.

The Board had a discussion on false fire alarm enforcement; Mr. Paff was asked to participate in the discussion. It was suggested and agreed that Mr Paff, Andrew Berardo and John Hauss would meet to discuss the matter further.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The January 2013 activity and FAAR reports were reviewed.

John gave a status report on the hiring of the new fire inspector; he indicated that they are awaiting approval on the revised job description before the position can be posted.

John provided an update on the new pickup trucks. The vehicles are expected the last week of December or early January.

TRUST FUND – \$3,062.82

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John reported that the Township still has not received the 2012 payment from Fire District # 3. The payment was due before June 30th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

County Communications – the Board had a discussion about radios and dispatching. Part of the discussion was there was some miscommunication when the fire companies requested use of Region 5 talk group during Hurricane Sandy.

Route 27 water main – Brian reported that there are three issues with the Route 27 water main; the Township is researching the feasibility of connecting the shopping center at Route 27 & 518 to South

Brunswick water main; the Township has an agreement with South Brunswick for the use of fire hydrants in the event of an emergency; and the water service to residents on Route 27. As far as fire protection the Township has made the necessary arrangements. The other issues are being research.

Fuel Service Agreement – The Township is still waiting for resolutions from Fire District # 3 for the fuel agreement.

NEW BUSINESS – Bill Kleiber asked Lew Pinnella if he could provide any additional information on the letter from District # 3 as to why District # 3 was ending the Agreement after June 2013. Lew stated there were a number of issues including committing to a 5-year contract and the fact that some members feel it's "double dipping". John reported that the Township had recently received the letter and the matter will be further discussed.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY –

Lew Pinnella reported that Fire District # 3 is looking to upgrade all of the Scott air paks. Bill Kleiber reported that Fire District # 2 has already done the upgrade.

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday

PUBLIC SESSION - In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act the meeting was open for comments from the public. No comments from the public.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM
Main Conference Room
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Respectfully submitted,

John Hauss, Director, Fire Prevention Department